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Mr. Weisberg,

Here is a letter free of staples. I am sorry that the packaging of my last letters caused your disquiet. As to whether it was silly and/or paranoid, please reserve judgement after reading the letter and remember the mailed items you had go astray.

I awaited your response to my last letter and the books to accompany it with anticipation. The books did not disappoint, your letter did. You are a very persistant individual, and so am I. I do not wish to in any way bother or waste your time, however, I feel that I have either been unable to communicate the gravity and seriousness of what I begin to explore or for some reason we have gotten of to a bad start - on the wrong foot. I will try anew. Pardon my persistance. It is the trait that made your reasearch so successful. I hope it will have its positive pay-offs for me also.

I write you because I feel you to be the single most informed individual on most aspects of the JFK assassination. Without doubt - and with no close seconds - you have the number 1 position vis-a-vis documentary evidence and the official cover-up. I have read POST MORTEM in three days and am more than impressed! I say this not to flatter, but to be t ruthful. What an opus! What a tour de force of logic, analysis and scholarship. The sarcastic wit too is much appreciated. I realize now how so many used your work to form the frame-work on which they hung a few ornaments. Bravo for all your work...most sincerely! However....I feel you have judged me and my source as incorrectly as most do with the obvious (to us) features of the JFK assassination...but for entirely different reasons. But I digress....

First let me introduce myself just a bit. Peter Raphael Lemkin, age 39½. Named after my uncle Raphael Lemkin the man who coined the word 'genocide' and wrote the Genocide Convention as well as having been a lawyer at the Nuremberg Trials. Grew up in the New York Area. Active in anti-Vietnam War protests et.al. 1960's and 1970's un-affiliated activist. Schooling at S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook, University of Colorado, Yale and U.C.L.A. I have two M.A. degrees and was working on my PhD when I stopped to become re-involved with politics (degrees were in Environmental Biology and Environmental Health) rather full time. Worked with Martha Honey/Tony Avirgan on Iran/Contra; did research on the Palme Assassination; lectured in Northern Europe last five years on topics related to U.S. National Security State and covert operations including assassinations - foreign and domestic. Quit Environmental Health to stop the growing trend toward denial, cover-up, rise of the Secret Government, et.al. I work with a network of other researchers on inter-related topics. We all have our specialties. The JFK assassination was never my forte', but always my passion. While I do not possess your knowledge, by any means, I am no sloucher on the subject either. I leave out much. I have lived in Europe, travelled widely, been involved in many things. I have been working five years full time on the re search on covert operations et.al. but have been involved politically since age 11 when I went with my father to MLK's March on Washinton. A peice of my soul died on 11/22/63 and again when RFK and MLK and so MANY others were murdered by neo- fascist elements of the 'secret government', mafia, right-wing groups and military-corporate-big money cabal.

This year I returned from Norway in mid-November and have spent much of the winter dealing with my mother's pancreatic cancer. In the midst of this some months ago I was approached by a friend who pointed out a new article on the Iran/Contra scandal written by a local writer with the information coming from a long-term 'black operative' and pilot. They also mentioned that he also mentioned about having been in Dallas on 11/22/63. That peaked my interest. I contacted the writer, asked him to convince the then in hiding source to contact me....which he eventually did...to make a long story short. The source and I have met several times and developed a workable rapport. Needless to say he and I have had different backgrounds and value systems etc., but I find a large swath of decentcy imbedded there....and growing. He has (and I and many other researchers have every reason to believe has) been a black operative involved in pre-Bay of Pigs shipments of weapons to Cuba, Bay of Pigs, pilot for some figures connected with Dallas 1963, 11/22/63, Angola, Laos and most recently Iran/Contra drug/arms flights etc. I simplify a very complex life into one sentence. He is cited in four books I have, testified for the HSCA and Church Committees, is know to and believed by Sen. Gary Hart....I could go on. Furthermore he has documents obtained through FOIA on himself....some of which I have seen. He has had a growing sense of un-ease as he has seen the years and lies and covert operations unfold. He is believable, afraid and very vulnerable now that he has chosen to go public with the Iran/Contra story and toying with the idea (my idea) to develop the 11/22/63 stuff into a book.

Harold, I hope you don't mind my calling you Harold, I will not now be able to develop all the evidence I have that makes me believe this needs to be developed further. Nor do I exclude the possibility this is dis-information, lie or exageration. I am not stupid....and what he sais, by and large, does make sense. I will presnt some of my reasons for believing this...and some you will have to just take my word on for now.

After his article appeared he was beaten in the streets by someone claiming to work for the Company. I saw the cuts. In addition his place was broken into and computer discs and papers taken and a threatening message left on the mirror. Old black-op buddies have called him up warning him to go back in the shadows or.... And that is on Iran/Contra which while important is nothing, to my mind, as compared to Dallas events.

Immediately following his return from Dallas and his actions there he was put under custody where he remained for 19 months! Often without charges, later convicted on a invented crime, totally without basis in reality, and incarcerated.

He is not a well read person and is mildly dislexic. He has NOT followed the uncovering of the events and cover-up, thereof, surrounding Dallas. What he knows he knows because he was THERE and saw and heard with his own eyes or heard from others who were there - on an operational level. Little he has related to me conflicts with your or other researhers'understnding of events....most fits in and then goes BEYOND!!!! It is this NEW information that I am excited, interested and, yes, anxious (paranoid , if you will) about...and with very good reason if true.....as I am inclined to believe.

He does NOT want money per se, but only the assurance that money sufficient to see the project of the book to completion is there so he is not left high and dry having 'spilled the beans' and no public forum to save his neck (maybe) forthcoming. Of one thing I am 100% certain...IF, I repeat IF what he relates is true, his life is in the same kind of danger and from the same forces as were: Ferrie,

Gatlin, Bowers, Whaley, Geraci, Worrell, Boggs, Milteer and a list of others that would fill this page! You have concentrated your work on the physical evidence and documentation....somethings will not easily fit into those catagories, but nevertheless can be seen to follow a pattern that any reasonable person, given the informtion, will see points toward just one conclusion....just as do the evidence and documents...or lack and loss thereof.

This person had occassion to meet LHO before Dallas events. Known to him also were the major middle level and some high level conspirators. He was in Dallas on 11/22/63 and was there to be a part of a 'black op' as he had elsewhere on so many occassions. He has related to me some of the persons and locations and assignments related to the events leading up to and the execution and escape of the crime. These are not the ravings of a madman! He has and has related significant NEW information. There is more he has not yet told me as he insists that the project be assured of completion before he will take the risk of bringing down the full weight of cover-up on his head á la Ferrie et.al. This person was, I do believe, the person Ferrie was waiting for in Houston. I still can not go into details on this as the information leads back to this person and this one person only. (As does the info that he was Ferrie's contact.....!!!!!....so this is between you and I only!)

That my phone had threatening noises on it you may doubt, if you wish, but I know to be a fact. I had written to Gaeton Fonzi to check into some allegations my source made that could only be researched in the S. Florida region. Fonzi wrote back that he was unable to devote the time to check them out. Between my requesting of him and his answer my source heard from S. Florida friends that someone was hunting around looking at just this information... NEVER (to my knowledge) looked into before in connection with the JFK coup.

We have reason to believe that documentary evidence and corroborating testimony does exist out there....that is what the research for the book will entail. The outline of it is logical, reasonable, possible etc.....despite the fact that I am not presenting it here in its entirety.

It is just your skills at getting AT this type of documentary evidence that I thought would be helpfull to us and the investigation and persuit of the truth of this murder conspiracy, before and after the fact. Unfortunately I seem only to have alienated you on this whole matter. I am in a bad place....wanting to present all that I now have heard and not wanting to be irresponsible and thus responsible for the death of yet another Dallas witness....and, I believe, a very pivital one! I also have concerns as to my safety.

My research into this new information and source have, admittedly, just begun. I see little that now leads me to believe (your comments not withstanding) that he is not who he represents and more importantly that he did and saw and heard what he did.

His overall knowledge of the events of 11/22/63 are less than mine. What he knows is what he knows. When he hears how they fit into the events as generally accepted by researchers there is the delight of a child and the look of awakening fear. He is beginning to accept that his worst fears - that that team he saw was the 'hit' team and not the 'abort team , as he was told - are coming apparent.

I have not gone into the story he was told, but it is believable for some as naive as he and with the need to rationalize it as so, to have accepted (on one level) all these years.....actually he always harbored those doubts. He is having a very difficult time coming to terms with his involment with this moment in history, as well as his complicity in a host of illegal, immoral and unjustified black-ops.

This person has described the movements of several of the persons operative in Dallas that day. He knows how and when and where they entered, left and hid within the city. Some he knew by name and some he just knows the faces of. Fletcher Prouty has commented in a letter to me that one of his 'new' claims is likely. Now, my job is to prove what can be proved of all this....without being too noticed (at least at first) by the keepers of the secrets. One of his claims is that T.B. was in Dallas that day. I asked how he could be sure. For a long time he was evasive, but insisted he knew. Finally, he told me that when he was just a teenager he worked in a company in which his direct supervisor was T.B. and that he had seen him in the course of his movements in Dallas that day. He knows the locations of the safehouses. He knows where the assassins were supposed to go and when and why.

Now, I am not claiming that he knew everything. No one person was alowed to. Black operations, as you know, are not run that way, but on a need to know basis. But, because of his role he had a unique opportunity to see quite alot. I pride myself in being a good judge of character and a good researcher. To date I have read about 70 books and manuscripts on the JFK coup. I am friends with Peter Dale Scott and Jim Marrs and write some to Prouty. I have files, albeit smaller than yours, on the assassination. I have checked out what I could of my sources statements. They are not off the wall. There is much I cn not yet check out without travel. His fear is as real as anything I've ever seen. I keep my mind open to the possibility of fraud or dis-information...and will continue to, but do not see any evidence of anything more guilty than occasional hazyiness due to the intervening years.

This person has been quite clever in spreading bits and pieces of documentation about his involvment in covert operations (although not the Dallas event, to my knowledge) around the world as 'insurance' against 'accidents'. He has been directly threatened a several points in his career to keep his knowledge of Dallas to himself if he wants to stay 'healthy'. I am surprised he too has not had a forced suicide. It is my fear of this that prevents my giving you (or anyone else at this point) the details of the claims and his name...and certainly not via mail or phone.

You need not be a believer. I guess my hope was that you would be willing to help investigate the information once we get going. My preference would be for this person not to make any demands for financial backing and secrecy...but he is his own man. He has agreed to work openly (that means I will be free to divulge his name and information to researchers) once the project is backed. I don't like, but can live with this. His name would not be known to you, I'm sure, but documents I have indicate that J.E.H. himself asked for information on who he was and what he was doing 11/22/63.

On a practical level, what can you say for and against self-publishing? Is your book on Oswald and the CIA available as a copy?

At this point I continue to meet with him - get more information and develop a relationship between two persons not normally friends. I think it is only a matter of time before we get the meager funds we need and I plan to proceed. I hope you will suspend judgement until you can meet this person, see some of the evidence or help uncover the documentation that must yet exist about this individual.

You retain my respect. I hope I have not lost yours,

Most sincerely,

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